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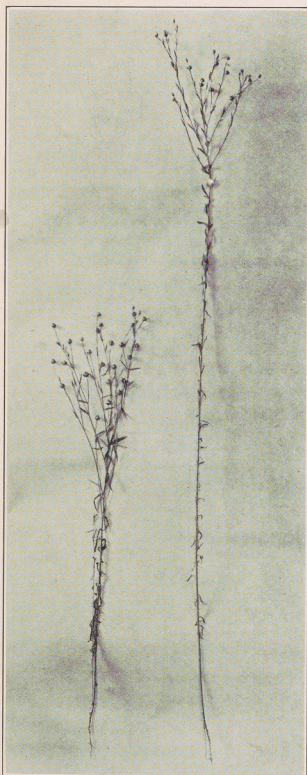






# FIBER FLAX

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## SEED FLAX AND FIBER FLAX

Seed flax has shorter, coarser stalk with branches and numerous seed bolls. Fiber flax has a tall stalk with few branches and seed bolls.



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## FIBER FLAX DEW-RETTING

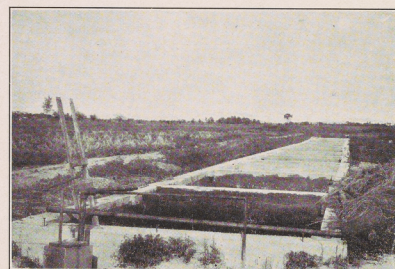
The flax straw is spread on the ground and exposed to the weather for 4 to 8 weeks to rot the tissue surrounding the fibers.



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## PULLING FLAX BY HAND

Experiments are being tried to supercede this laborious and expensive method by use of harvesting machines



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## TANKS SOMETIMES USED IN RETTING FLAX

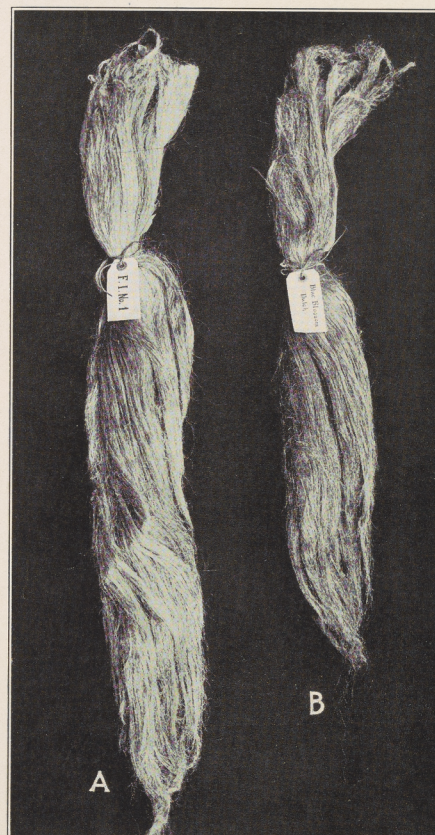
The straw is packed in these tanks in bundles and kept wet by slowly running water for 6 to 10 days



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## INTERIOR OF A SCUTCHING MILL

Flax brakes in the foreground and scutching stalls in the background



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## FLAX FIBER AS IT GOES TO THE MARKET

(A) Improved and (B) unimproved strain

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